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SUBJECT: UNESCO: DRAFT DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL
PREJUDICE

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1. AT RISK OF REPEATING EARLIER EXPLANATIONS, PERMDEL
WISHES INSURE THAT DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT IG
DISCUSSIONS OF DRAFT DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL
PREJUDICE HAVE NO REAL STATUS. THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP
DID NOT BIND THEMSELVES TO SUPPORT CONSENSUS DECISIONS
OF THE GROUP, AND THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY RESERVATIONS
AND DIFFERENCES EXPRESSED THAT ANY MEMBER CAN BACK AWAY
FROM VIRTUALLY ANY "DECISION" OF THE GROUP. IN ANY
EVENT, AFTER THE GROUP HAS MADE ITS "DECISION," CHAIRMAN
HUMMEL (SWISS) THEN GOES TO BOSSIER-PALUN AND GIVES AWAY
THE GROUP'S POSITION.

2. DEPARTMENT SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THESE
PSEUDO-DRAFTING SESSIONS OF THE IG ARE CONDUCTED IN
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FRENCH, WITHOUT INTERPRETATION, ON THE BASIS OF A
FRENCH TEXT, AND THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF SLIPPAGE IN
UNDERSTANDING ON PART OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE IG.

3. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FROM THE FRENCH
OF THE CHAIRMAN'S WRITTEN SUMMARY OF HIS UNDERSTANDING
OF THE IG'S DESIRES FOR TEXTUAL CHANGES. THIS WAS

RECEIVED BY PERMDEL AT 0900 HOURS MARCH 7, AND IS A
COMPILATION OF RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS OF ALL MEETINGS,
AND AS SUCH, SUPERSEDES OUR PREVIOUS REPORTING. KAEUPER
HAND CARRYING ORIGINAL FRENCH TEXT, WHICH HE WILL PRE-
SENT TO DEPARTMENT MARCH 9.

A) PREAMBULAR PARA. 6, ADD AT THE END "THE INTER-
NATIONAL CONVENTION ON GENOCIDE OF DECEMBER 9, 1948."

B) PREAMBULAR PARA. 7, CHANGE THE PHRASE "TAKING
ACCOUNT LIKEWISE OF THE CONVENTION" TO "NOTING" VICE
"TAKING ACCOUNT." DELETE THE PHRASE "WHICH DEFINITES
THE MOST REVOLTING OF RACIST CRIMES."

C) BETWEEN PREAMBULAR PARAS. 8 AND 9, INSERT A NEW
PARA. READING: "RECALLING ALSO THE DECLARATIONS ADOPTED
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UNESCO'S WORK--THE DECLARATION
ON RACE (1950), THE DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL
DIFFERENCES (1951), PROPOSALS ON THE BIOLOGIC ASPECTS OF
THE RACIAL QUESTION (1964), AND THE DECLARATION ON RACE
AND RACE PREJUDICE (1967)--AND REFLECTING THE BROAD
CONSENSUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IN
THE MATTER OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING RACE,"

D) PREAMBULAR PARA. 9 "NOTING WITH CONCERN....."
REPLACE IN THE LAST LINE THE WORDS "OF DISADVANTAGED
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GROUPS AND THEIR MEMBERS" BY "OF MEMBERS OF DIS-
ADVANTAGED GROUPS."

E) PREAMBULAR PARA. 10 "EXPRESSING ITS
INDIGNATION..." IN THE PENULTIMATE LINE OF THE ENGLISH
VERSION ONLY, REPLACE THE WORD "THREAT" BY "DANGER."

F) PREAMBULAR PARA. 11, "REAFFIRMING ITS WILL..."
REPLACE THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH WITH: "RECALLING THE
CONCLUSIONS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST
APARTHEID, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN LAGOS FROM AUGUST 22 TO
26, 1977."

G) ARTICLE ONE. REPLACE THE ENTIRE ARTICLE WITH
THE FOLLOWING TEXT: "(1) ALL MEN BELONG TO THE SAME
SPECIES AND ARE EQUAL IN DIGNITY AND RIGHTS. (2) ALL
INDIVIDUALS AND HUMAN GROUPS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE
DIFFERENT, TO PERCEIVE THEMSELVES AND BE PERCEIVED AS

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y-TEXT (PARA 3. SUB PARA M)

THEY ARE. (3) THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
EXTERNAL CHARACTERISTICS THAT DIFFERENTIATE HUMAN
BEINGS AND SCALES OF VALUE, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE. (4)
THE DIVERSITY OF THE FORM OF LIFE AND THE RIGHT TO
DIFFERENCES SHOULD NOT IN ANY CASE SERVE AS PRETEXTS FOR
RACIAL PREJUDICE; THEY CANNOT LEGITIMATE EITHER IN LAW
OR IN FACT ANY DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE OF ANY KIND, NOR
SERVE AS THE BASIS OF A POLICY OF APARTHEID, (5)
SCIENCE HAS NOT ESTABLISHED ANY CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN GENETIC DIFFERENCES AND THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL
OF PEOPLES. PRESENT DIFFERENCES IN DEVELOPMENT CAN NOT
IN ANY CASE SERVE AS ANY PRETEXT WHATSOEVER FOR THE
HIERARCHICAL CLASSIFICATION OF NATIONS OR PEOPLE.

H) ARTICLE TWO (1) REPLACE THE WORDS "IS FALSE
AND CONTRARY..." BY "IS CONTRARY TO THE MORAL AND
ETHICAL PRINCIPLES OF HUMANITY." (2) THE LAST PHRASE,
BEGINNING WITH "AGGRAVATES TENSIONS..." SHOULD READ AS
FOLLOWS "CONSTITUTES AN OBSTACLE TO INTERNATIONAL
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COOPERATION, IS THE CAUSE OF POLITICAL TENSIONS, AND

CAN ENDANGER WORLD PEACE."

I) ARTICLE 4. REPLACE THE LAST TWO PHRASES WITH:
"ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THIS PRINCIPLE IS
CONSTITUTED BY APARTHEID, WHICH HAS BEEN CONDEMNED
REPEATEDLY BY THE UNGA, AND DEFINED BY IT, AS WELL AS
GENOCIDE, AS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY."

J) ARTICLE 5. (1) REPLACE THIS PARAGRAPH WITH
"CULTURE AND EDUCATION OFFER HUMAN BEINGS THE MOST
EFFECTIVE AND ENDURING MEANS OF DEVELOPMENT, PERMITTING
THEM TO AFFIRM NOT ONLY THAT THEY ARE BORN EQUAL IN
DIGNITY AND RIGHTS, BUT ALSO TO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY
SHOULD RESPECT THE RIGHT OF ALL GROUPS TO CULTURAL
IDENTITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR OWN CULTURAL LIFE IN
A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK..." (THE FOL-
LOWING PORTION READING AS IN THE ORIGINAL TEXT.)
(2) REPLACE IN THE SECOND LINE THE WORDS "MUST GUARD"
BY "MAKE THE GREATEST EFFORT THAT THEIR CAPABILITIES
PERMIT." ADD TO THE FOURTH LINE FROM THE END, BEFORE
THE WORD "DISCRIMINATION" THE WORD "RACIAL." DELETE
FROM THE PENULTIMATE LINE THE WORDS "AND TO THE LEVEL
OF LIVING." (3) SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS" "THE
INFORMATION MEDIA AND THOSE SERVED BY THEM, AS WELL AS
EVERY GROUP ORGANIZED WITHIN NATIONAL SOCIETIES ARE
CALLED UPON, DUE ACCOUNT BEING GIVEN TO THE PRINCIPLES
FORMULATED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,
IN PARTICULAR THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION--
TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE REALIZATION OF THE GOALS OF THE
PRESENT DECLARATION."

K) ARTICLE 6. DELETE THE LAST SENTENCE.
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L) ARTICLE SEVEN. DELETE THE LAST SENTENCE AND
ADD, AT LINE SIX, AFTER THE WORDS "STATES SHOULD" THE
WORDS "WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THEIR COMPETENCE AND IF
CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE."

M) ARTICLE EIGHT. (1) ADD, AT LINE 6, BEFORE
"THE DUTY" THE WORD "MORAL" AND REPLACE THE WORD
"STRUGGLE" BY "OPPOSE." IN THE PENULTIMATE LINE,
REPLACE "BY ALL THE MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL" BY THE WORD
"THUS." (2) REPLACE THIS PARAGRAPH (SIC...IDENTIFICATION
NOT PROVIDED BY THE TEXT) WITH THE FOL-
LOWING TEXT: "IN THE AREA BEARING ON RACIAL PREJUDICE
AND ON RACIST ATTITUDES AND PRACTICE, SPECIALISTS IN
NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND IN CULTURAL STUDIES, AS
WELL AS SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, ARE

CALLED ON TO UNDERTAKE OBJECTIVE RESEARCH, ON A BROADLY
INTERDISCIPLINARY BASIS. THEY WILL THUS ASSIST THE
PUBLIC IN UNDERSTANDING THE RESULTS OF THEIR RESEARCH
AND TO DENOUNCE ALL INTERPRETATIONS OR ANY FALSE OR
ERRONEOUS USE OF THEIR WORKS."

N) ARTICLE 9. (1) IN THE FIRST LINE, REPLACE THE
WORDS, "THE EQUALITY OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS" WITH THE
WORDS "THE EQUALITY OF HUMAN BEINGS IN DIGNITY AND

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RIGHTS", AND THE LAST SENTENCE WITH "CONSEQUENTLY,
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION SHOULD BE CONDEMNED AS A DISAVOWAL
OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND AS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE FUNDAMENTAL
FREEDOMS PROCLAIMED BY THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS. (2) DELETE FROM THE SECOND LINE THE
WORDS "AND OF HUMAN GROUPS." REPLACE, STARTING WITH
THE FOURTH LINE, THE CLAUSE "TO MARGINAL GROUPS...
FAMILIES" BY "TO FORMS OF RACISM THAT CAN ARISE IN THE
MARGINALIZATION OF CERTAIN GROUPS, PARTICULARLY MIGRANT
WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES."

O) ARTICLE TEN. REPLACE IN THE SECOND LINE, THE
WORD "MUST" BY "ARE INVITED TO." REPLACE THE FOUR LAST
LINES, STARTING WITH "MAY NOT BE..." BY THE WORDS "BE

LIBERATED COMPLETELY FROM THE EVILS OF RACISM, RACIAL
SEGREGATION, AND OF APARTHEID AND GENOCIDE."

P) DRAFT IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION. (1) PARA. 1,
REPLACE "REQUIRES MEMBER STATES" BY "CALLS ON MEMBER
STATES TO" (2) PARA. 1 (C) DELETE THE SENTENCE "AND
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PARTICULARLY IN REPLYING TO AN APPROPRIATE QUESTION-
NAIRE." (3) PARA. 2 (D) DELETE THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH.

4. WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY
MEMBER ON THE DELEGATION STAFF WHO IS QUALIFIED TO DO
LEGAL TRANSLATION, WE ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE IN A SITU-
ATION IN WHICH DEBATE IS IN FRENCH WITHOUT BENEFIT OF
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION. THIS WILL NOT BE A PROB-
LEM AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING, AS FULL INTER-
PRETATION FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED.
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